



SBA Information Notice

TO: All Employees

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SUBJECT: Change to SOP 50 10 5(E) and
Release of Alternative Small Loan
Advantage (SLA) Authorization

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SBA is announcing a change to SOP 50 10 5(E) to permit certain lenders in the Small Loan Advantage (SLA) program to use an alternative Authorization. This alternative Authorization may be used by Preferred Lender Program (PLP) lenders using their PLP authority to secure SBA-guaranteed SLA loans. Modeled after the SBA Express Authorization, the alternative SLA Authorization is now a stand-alone authorization (written in Microsoft Word 2010) and not a component of the current 7(a) Wizard and Boilerplate. The new SLA Authorization is SBA's way of continuing to streamline processes, and is intended to drive increased loan activity within the SLA process resulting in increased low dollar loans and loans to underserved markets.

Effective January 2, 2013, SOP 50 10 5(E), Subpart B, Chapter 5 is revised to allow PLP lenders the option of using the new SLA Authorization or the existing National 7(a) Authorization Boilerplate and Wizard. PLP lenders who choose to use the alternative SLA Authorization will be responsible for including all provisions relevant to the specific SLA loan.

The new alternative SLA Authorization can be found at www.sba.gov/for-lenders, under "Lending Steps," then "7(a) Loans," then "Approval-Authorization," then "7(a) Loan Package Templates" list of authorizations.

An updated version of SOP 50 10 5(E) incorporating these changes will be posted on SBA's website at www.sba.gov. As with previous editions of SOP 50 10 5, SBA will post two versions on the website. The first version will show all changes as "tracked changes" and the second will incorporate all changes.

Notification and Questions

SBA field offices are responsible for notifying the lenders and any other interested party that the alternative Small Loan Advantage (SLA) Authorization has been released.

Questions regarding the alternative SLA Authorization should be submitted to the SLA Loans Email box at SLAloans@sba.gov.

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